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BELGIAN COMMENTS

REF: BELGIAN GENERAL STAFF LTR JSPL/4259 DTD
24 JUL 78

1. IN PARAGRAPH 2 WE TRANSMIT THE INFORMAL TRANSLATION
OF THE TEXT OF THE LETTER OF M/GEN E. DE WILDER,
SUBJECT: PAPS, FROM THE BELGIAN GENERAL STAFF.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: PAPS

REFERENCE: AC/259(PAPS) DS/4, 9 JUN 78

1. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE COMMENTS REQUESTED BY
ABOVE REFERENCE:

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2. THE COMMENTS REQUESTED CONCERN:
- A. THE TERMINOLOGY AS DESCRIBED IN AC/259 (PAPS)
D/20. THE GENERAL STAFF HAS NO REMARKS TO MAKE SINCE
THIS NOTE ALIGNS THE TERMINOLOGY ON THAT OF THE
EUROGROUP AND IEPG.
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- B. THE PRELIMINARY SYSTEM FOR PLANNING OF ARMAMENTS

PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN. (SEE ANNEX A).

- C. A CATALOGUE OF MISSIONS AS DESCRIBED IN
AC/259(PAPS)D/22. SEE ANNEX B (IN DUTCH) FOR THE
NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE.

- E. DE WILDER, GENERAL, JSB
- CHIEF, GENERAL STAFF

ENCLOSURES: 2

ENCLOSURE: ANNEX A

- PRELIMINARY PERIODIC ARMAMENT PLANNING
- SYSTEM
- COMMENTS BY GENERAL STAFF (BE)

1. GENERAL

- THIS HQ CONSIDERS THE PAPER PREPARED BY THE
CHAIRMAN AS AN EXCELLENT BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

2. SEVERAL OBSTACLES WILL ARISE ONCE THE PROCEDURE
WILL EFFECTIVELY BE IMPLEMENTED. IT IS NOT CERTAIN
THAT THE DESCRIBED FRAMEWORK WILL ALLOW THESE OBSTACLES
TO BE OVERCOME.

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- A. A FIRST OBSTACLE WILL BE THAT EVEN BEFORE AN
INITIAL PROJECT PLAN IS DRAFTED IT WILL APPEAR THAT
THE DATE AT WHICH NATIONS WISH TO BRING A NEW
EQUIPMENT INTO SERVICE MAY VERY MUCH DIFFER.
THIS WILL REDUCE THE NUMBERS OF POTENTIAL BUYER
NATIONS AND MAY FOR LONG PERIODS CREATE CONFLICTS IN
THE AREA OF INTEROPERABILITY.

- B. STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY COULD BE
USED BY LARGE ARMAMENT PRODUCER NATIONS TO CREATE
MONOPOLIES. THE PROCEDURE SHOULD AT LEAST PROVIDE
SOME WAY TO AVOID THIS POSSIBILITY.

- C. IN REAL CASES THE CONSIDERATIONS OF NATIONAL
COPRODUCTION WILL BE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN STATED
IN THE PROPOSED FRAMEWORK.
FOR SOME NATIONS THE KEY TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE
PROPOSED PROCEDURE WILL BE THE ASSURANCE THAT
THESE CONSIDERATIONS WILL CERTAINLY BE CONTAINED
IN THE FRAMEWORK.

- D. NAPR WILL PERMANENTLY FACE THE LACK OF

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL EQUIPMENT
REPLACEMENT SCHEDULES, ESPECIALLY FOR THE SYSTEMS
TO BE REPLACED WITHIN 10-15 YEARS.

ENCLOSURE - ANNEX B

- NATO MISSION AREA CATALOGUE
- COMMENTS BY THE BELGIAN GENERAL STAFF
- REF: AC/259(PAPS)D/22

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1. GENERAL

- THE GENERAL STAFF AGREES TO THE LIST, REFERRED TO
IN THE REFERENCE DOCUMENT. A LIMITED NUMBER OF
AMENDMENTS, HOWEVER, ARE BEING PROPOSED.

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- A. FUNCTIONAL MISSIONS

- (1) SERIAL NO. 230
- MISSION AREA 3. TITLE: INTELLIGENCE
(TO INCLUDE RECONNAISSANCE - SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET
ACQUISITION).
- (2) SERIAL NO. 240
- MISSION AREA 4: THEATER NUCLEAR WARFARE
- IN OUR VIEW THIS TASK SHOULD BE INCLUDED
WITH COMBAT MISSIONS

- B. COMBAT MISSIONS

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- THE "ANTI-ARMOR" OPERATIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED
AS (8) WITH THE "INTERSERVICE OPERATIONS", SINCE
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THIS TYPE OF OPERATIONS CAN BE EXECUTED BY BOTH
GROUND AND AIRBORNE SYSTEMS.

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